

To the Energy and Technology Committee

I am strongly in support of SB 176 AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITIES. We need to expand solar capacity dramatically and so it should be made as easy as possible, and as the CT Mirror story on the solar program points out (<https://ctmirror.org/2022/02/13/solar-program-reform-efforts-likely-in-the-ct-legislature-but-already-face-disagreements/>) there are dramatic difficulties and bottlenecks in shared solar that need to be resolved. As the new IPCC report so clearly points out, we are in need of dramatic action to reduce CO2 emissions and solar is an easy and straightforward way to help. As a solar owner, I know the benefits with the reduced grid-based electric usage and the importance of net metering and the other approaches to encourage solar adoption. I have seen that Connecticut is one of the places with the greatest benefits from solar due to our high electric costs.

Sincerely

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